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COMMON CARRIER APPARATUS, ACCOUNTING PROCESSING METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM WITH ACCOUNTING PROCESSING PROGRAM RECORDED THEREON

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 13, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of February 23, 2004, reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is respectfully requested.

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